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Letter dated 25 September 2017 from the Permanent Representative of the Sudan to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

I have the honour to transmit herewith a non-official translation of the statement issued by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Sudan on 23 September 2017 on the recent events at Kalma camp in South Darfur State (see annex).

I should be grateful if the present letter and its annex could be circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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Ministry of Foreign Affairs
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Press Release

The Sudanese Foreign Ministry strongly condemns the events that took place at Kalma Camp in West Darfur's Bilail County on Friday 22nd September 2017 and led to clashes initiated by members of armed groups that resulted in death and injury to some camp dweller citizens. The events coincided with the President's unprecedented visit to Bilail County, which was organised in the context of the President's care and commitment to see for himself and address the challenges facing citizens who were displaced. The visit was greatly welcomed by the camp-dwellers who were ready to participate in the public meeting that was organised by South Darfur Government; but isolated elements from Abdelwahid Nour's movement tried aggressively to stop people from proceeding to the site of the public meeting with the President. This behaviour resulted in clashes led by elements of the rebel movement who crossed outside the camp to target police and security forces which were there as a routine security deployment ahead of the public meeting. It is worth mentioning that South Darfur security authorities had informed UNAMID in writing one day before the events about the intentions and plans of some members of Abdelwahid's movement to disrupt and sabotage the President's visit.

However, the vast majority of camp dwellers attended the public meeting which was addressed by one of their representatives as planned.

The Sudanese Foreign Ministry reiterates its strong condemnation of the criminal disruption through which some members of the armed groups tried to tarnish the president's historic visit to the county of Bilail and Kalma camp, prays for the souls of those innocent victims who lost their lives, and extends condolences to the bereaved families and wishes a speedy recovery to those who were injured.

Ambassador Gariballah ElKhedir
Foreign Ministry Spokesperson
Khartoum, 23 September 2017